

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 1 at page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention generally provides a single or multi layer tablet which comprises approximately by weight:

- (a) 25% to 50% of an alpha hydroxy aliphatic acid such as lactic acid or citric acid;
 - (b) 10% to 45% of an alkali metal bicarbonate such as sodium bicarbonate or potassium bicarbonate;
 - (c) 0 to 10%, more preferably 1% to 9% of a dicarboxylic acid;
 - (d) 0.5% to 15% of a clay;
 - (e) 1% to 15% of at least one anionic surfactant;
 - (f) 0 to 8% of a disintegration aid which is selected from the group consisting of a microcrystalline methyl cellulose and of an alkali metal salt of a polycarboxylic acid;
 - (g) 5% to 25% of an alkali metal carbonate;
 - (h) 0 to 2.5% of a precipitated silica;
 - (i) 0 to 3% of a polyethylene glycol;
 - (j) 1% to 20% of a surfactant coated bleach compound;
 - (k) 0 to 0.3%, more preferably 0.005% to 0.3% of a blue dye or a green dye;
 - (l) 0 to 10 wt. %, more preferably 0.3% to 9% of an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant;
- and
- (m) 0 to 2.5%, more preferably 0.1% to 2% of a perfume.